

CAPSULE SUMMARY
104 Central Avenue (PG: 74B-26)
Prince George's County, Maryland

Located near the crossing of Central Avenue and Crain Highway, this small vernacular service garage illustrates patterns of transportation and commercial development that were occurring in southern Maryland during the mid-20th century.

This service garage is located on a flat, paved lot on the east side of Central Avenue. Built between 1945 and 1950, this vernacular building is one story tall and four bays wide. Irregular in plan, the building features a large one-story rear garage addition. The walls are clad with vinyl siding on the front portion, and with standing seam sheet metal on the rear addition. The building has a flat roof which is not visible.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. PG: 74B-26

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name Honda Subaru

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2. Location

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street & number 104 Central Avenue not for publication _____
city or town Bowie vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Prince George's County code 33 zip code 20716

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Not Visible

Roof Flat: Not Visible

Walls Masonry: Vinyl Siding

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☒ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Period of Significance 1945-1950

Significant Dates 1945-1950

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 13.75 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 104 Central Avenue is designated as Parcel 72, Grid E3 as indicated on Map 70.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 104 Central Avenue has historically been associated with Parcel 72 since its construction circa 1945.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title R. Weidlich and C. Novelli, Architectural Historians
organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date July 9, 1999
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815
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12. Property Owner
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name Hopkins Garage Inc.
street & number PO Box 68 telephone _____
city or town Brandywine state MD zip code 20613

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county and state

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This service garage is located on a flat, paved lot on the east side of Central Avenue. Built between 1945 and 1950, this vernacular building is one story tall and four bays wide. Irregular in plan, the building features a large one-story rear garage addition. The walls are clad with vinyl siding on the front portion, and with standing seam sheet metal on the rear addition. The building has a flat roof which is not visible.

The façade, or west elevation, is four bays wide, and features two pull-up corrugated metal garage doors, a single-leaf paneled wood door, and a 1/1 horizontal wood sash window.

The south elevation is comprised of the front vinyl-sided portion and the rear sheet-metal-sided section, which has no windows or doors. The front section has a 1/1 horizontal wood sash window and two single-leaf wood slab doors.

The rear, or east, elevation is dominated by the rear addition, which has a standing seam metal, shed roof with exposed rafter ends. Two large bay openings with metal pull-up doors are on the left side. To the right, are a single-leaf wood door with sheet metal cladding and a single-leaf door opening.

The north elevation is comprised of the vinyl-sided front portion of the building and the sheet-metal-sided rear addition which has no windows or doors. The front section is marked by three 10-light metal pivot windows.

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Located near the crossing of Central Avenue and Crain Highway, this small vernacular service garage illustrates patterns of transportation and commercial development that were occurring in southern Maryland during the mid-20th century.

Automobiles and the expanding road and highway systems contributed to widespread commercial and residential development well beyond the rail corridors of the 19th century. As development and population density increased in Prince George's County, new road networks were erected to ease the movement of goods and people. The extension of Crain Highway to the Potomac and the completion of the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge spanning the Potomac River bridge near Pope's Creek in 1940 served to link Charles and Prince George's Counties with transportation networks from Florida to New York. As a result, Crain Highway, and its successor, U.S. 301, became a primary route for commercial truck transportation and tourist traffic. As a result, numerous commercial establishments were built along U.S. 301 to cater to the burgeoning tourist trade and also to new residential development. These included motels, fast food restaurants, shopping centers, and service stations.

The increasing dependence upon motor vehicles during the first half of the century resulted in an increase in the number of buildings such as repair shops, filling stations, and automobile parts stores constructed to service them. Most of these tended to be located along major roadways or intersections of primary transportation routes.

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National Register Evaluation:

The building at 104 Central Avenue is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: *[Signature]* Date: 11/4/99

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Economic

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

Known Design Source: Unknown

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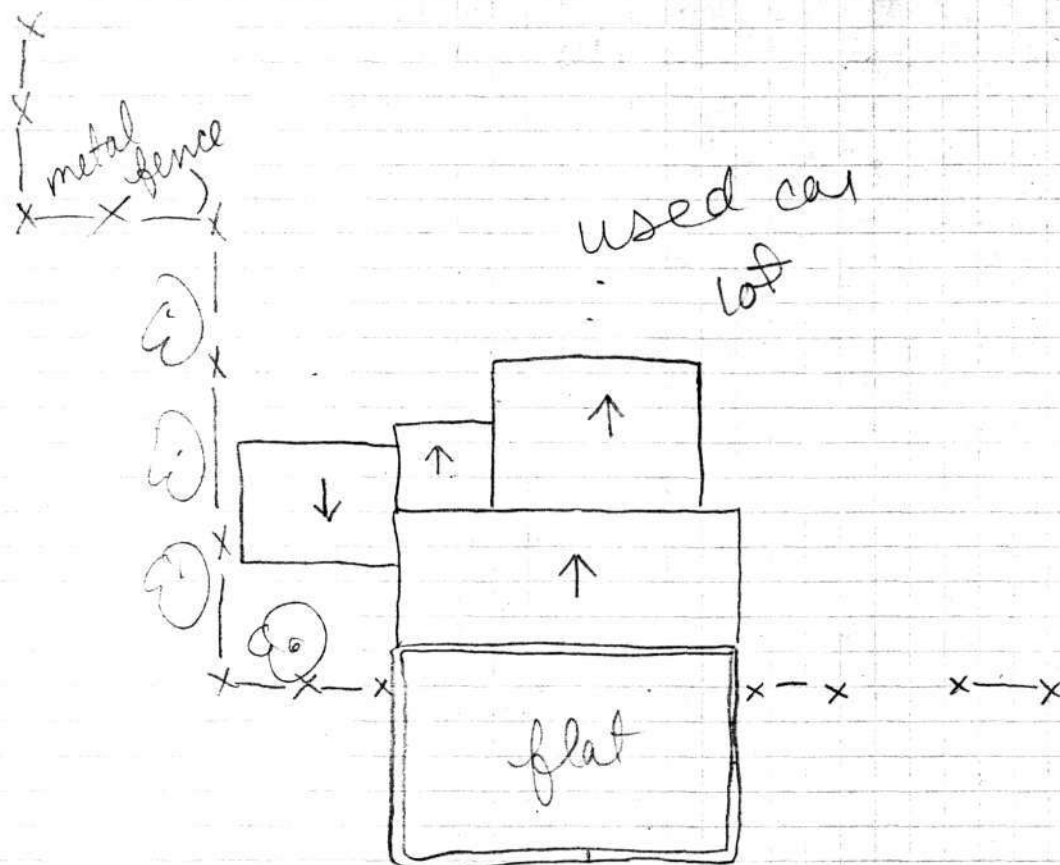
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Chain of Title:

November 30, 1923: William and Caroline Thomas to Samuel H. and
Mattie T. Spragins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 203 Folio 447

September 13, 1935: Samuel H. and Mattie T. Spragins to Leroy and
Thelma N. Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 430 Folio 152

December 22, 1980: Thelma N. Hopkins, surviving tenant by entirety
of Leroy Hopkins, to Kenneth C. Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 5475 Folio 603

June 8, 1993: Kenneth C. Hopkins to Hopkins Garage, Inc.
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 8819 Folio 427



parking
 Central Ave (Rte 214)

Central Small Car Salvage PG: 74B-26
 104 Central Avenue

Prince George's County
 Maryland

Resource Sketch Map 1999
 Not Drawn to Scale

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CENTRAL
SMALL CAR SALVAGE

WRECK
REPAIR

SALES



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104 CENTRAL AVENUE
PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD
TRACERIES
JUNE 1999
MD SHPD

west elevation

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USED PARTS

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104 CENTRAL AVENUE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

sooth elevation

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104 CENTRAL AVENUE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
TRAILERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

west elevation

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104 CENTRAL AVENUE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
TRACERIES
JUNE 1999
MD SHPO
northwest corner
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